



# The Friendly News

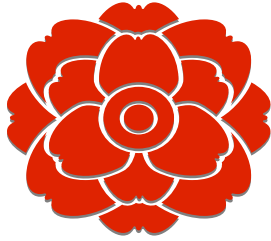
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## State of the Meeting, 2022

Each year we reflect on the prior one, for the joy and the sadness, for instances of the Light in our Meeting. On January 29 after Meeting for Worship, some of us gathered to respond to the queries. We present the queries below for the reflection of those who did not attend. The thoughts of all are important to construct the Report. Please send your responses to [ministry@saquakers.org](mailto:ministry@saquakers.org) by Feb 10 so they can be added to the Report to be presented to Meeting for Business on Feb 19,

- Take a moment to reflect on your experience of Meeting of Worship during 2022. What rises to your attention? What is meaningful? What change would you welcome?
- How does the Light illuminate our Meetings for Worship with Attention to Business? How does our meeting deal in love with the inevitable differences that arise from diverse leadings and points of view on issues of faith and practical matters?
- How has our membership changed? How has this affected the life of our meeting?

Our annual review of the Meeting's health and welfare is valuable in itself and we also forward the final draft to Yearly Meeting to be read during the annual sessions. The input of everyone is important.



## February Query: During Meeting for Worship, do you ever feel moved to speak? What will happen when you do?

We have built our Meeting House on Payaya People's land.  
Here are the direct links for our weekly activities.

- **Sunday Meetings for Worship**
  - 10-11am, in-person in the Meetinghouse AND on Zoom.
  - **Children's Program 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays**
    - [CLICK HERE to join by Zoom](#)  
ID # 976 0522 6497; passcode: 194077
- **Sunday Forums: 11:30-12:30**
  - [CLICK HERE to join by Zoom](#)  
ID # 976 0522 6497; passcode: 194077
- **Tuesdays 7-8pm: Course in Miracles discussion** – led by David
  - [CLICK HERE to join by Zoom](#) – ID # 988 3173 6394;  
passcode: 724708
- **Friday Morning Meeting for Worship – Fridays 8-8:30 am**
  - [CLICK HERE to join by Zoom](#) – ID # 976 0522 6497;  
passcode: 194077
- **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Pot Luck Lunch**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday "Meeting for Weeding"**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business**  
*join by Zoom* – ID # 976 0522 6497; passcode: 194077
- **For ALL Zoom Meetings: by telephone at +1 346 248 7799, then enter ID#**

Please send March news, pictures & events by 2/24/2023 to  
[newsletter@saquakers.org](mailto:newsletter@saquakers.org)

## Special Events

**Feb 5 Pot Luck 11:15**

**Feb 12 Forum** on Vocal Ministry, Jim Spickard

**Feb 19 Meeting for Business 11:30**

**Feb 24 one-year anniversary of the Russian invasion of Ukraine**

**Feb 26 Forum "Angelic Troublemakers" Kristin Munro 11:30**

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The February Newsletter is particularly rich in articles and events concerned with racism, anti-racism and reparations. See SCYM p 9; Pendle Hill p 10; Friends Journal p 11; Peace Teams p 13.

## News of San Antonio Friends Meeting

### February Forums

**Feb 12** Forum on Vocal Ministry in Meeting for Worship -- February 12th, 11:30-12:30  
-- Led by Jim Spickard

We all know that Quakers sit in silence, waiting on the inspiration of the Spirit. Often, the inspiration we feel is meant just for us, but sometimes we realize that it is meant for others or for the Meeting as a whole. We find ourselves called to rise and speak the message we have been given. We will begin this forum by viewing one or two QuakerSpeak videos, then ask ourselves questions like these:

- **Have you ever given vocal ministry in Meeting?** What did you experience while doing so? When have you chosen to speak and when have you not? How did you tell whether your urge to speak came from the Spirit or from your ego? When is Ministry inspired by media commentary appropriate for Meeting? What did you feel after sitting down again?
- **What has been your experience when others speak?** What kind of vocal ministries deepen your worship? What kind disturb it?
- **Have you ever attended a gathered Meeting?** How did you experience vocal ministry (yours or others') there?

The forum will be participatory rather than didactic. Friends are encouraged (though not required) to share their experiences.

**Feb 26** Kirstin Munro will draw on her recent research fellowship at Woodbrooke (U.K.) on "angelic troublemakers" in the Religious Society of Friends, and offer some queries so we can consider how we might support the leadings and witness of angelic troublemakers for peace and justice.

**Advice 4** Friends are advised to observe our Christian testimony for a faithful ministry of the gospel under the influence of the Holy Spirit. Members are reminded that all have a responsibility in ministry.

*Faith and Practice* of New York Yearly Meeting, page 80

### San Antonio Friends and Dream Week Report

Friends and community members viewed the film *Brother Outsider*, the life of Bayard Rustin, close adviser to MLK, and principal organizer of the 1963 March on Washington. He earned the subtitle of angelic troublemaker. A gay black Quaker, he did not hide his gayness in spite of working for the Fellowship of Reconciliation and later the Martin Luther King team. He confronted Malcolm X over Black separatism and Black Power over violence vs nonviolence. A thoughtful discussion followed the film. Friends gathered with the other religions for the MLK march on Jan 16.

## Meeting considers holding a Community Yard Sale

Past events have provided the opportunity for a more informal cooperation among the Friends Meeting of San Antonio (FMSA) community, as well as visible outreach to our wider community. The Go/No Go decision depends on finding a Coordinator to oversee the tasks needed for a successful event. Much of this can be done from home, via the internet. Anyone interested in more information can contact [jmhaynes@earthlink.net](mailto:jmhaynes@earthlink.net) subject: Yard Sale.

## Year End Financial Success

The shortfall in donations to Meeting was averted by contributions in December that were \$17,086.45, 134% of the predicted 2022 budget. This situation resulted from the typical year end donations and an unexpected donation. The news was received joyfully. The problem of selecting Quaker and local organization to receive Meeting 2022 donations was returned to the Ministry, Care & Guidance (MC&G) committee and the newly named Peace & Social Concerns (P&SC) for further discernment of the purpose and intention of these funds.

As Friends consider where our contributions to outside groups should go, it's helpful to know of any personal connection that we have to the organization. If you are part of or connected to such an entity, contact someone on MC&G or P&SC that you know the group and your connection. You can catch up with us at meeting or email [\[ministry@saquakers.org/whateverP&SCis@saquakers.org\]](mailto:ministry@saquakers.org/whateverP&SCis@saquakers.org)

## Nominations for 2023

The roster was approved on the second reading, with one more person named in the first reading. There is continued concern about the few people on Property Committee who have a heavy responsibility to maintain our buildings and grounds. For more information, please contact Stephen or Julie. A second concern is the status of the Community Engagement committee, an assortment of tasks that really do not need regular meetings, but some kind of supporting structure.

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**Reorganization** of our committee structure continues to be an unresolved and weighty issue. The Ministry, Care & Guidance committee discussed input received from business meeting and from individual friends, and proposed that this discussion continue with additional participants at the annual meeting of clerks and conveners in January. The clerks will report on the discernment at the Feb Meeting for Business, 2/19.



## News of Friends

### Ken from Jane Southwood

Dad and I speak of you often. He still thinks of San Antonio meeting as his home. It has been a year and a bit since Mom passed and I have been absorbed with tying up her affairs. The University of Minnesota, where she donated her body, had a sweet group memorial for everyone who donated. My favorite quote, after they mentioned the vocations of several of the 600+ contributors, was "they are all teachers now." I have relished rewatching the San Antonio memorial meeting from time to time. One upside of Zoom is having that possibility.

I spend the afternoon with Dad every other day. He is doing OK. Slowing down and sleeping a lot. In looking for your email addresses I read earlier emails from him to me, when they arrived 4 years ago, and was surprised how much younger he seemed. Last week he had Covid for the second time, though this bout was much milder. (Covid was rampant this month throughout their small building with 19 cases on his floor.) The only downside for him was one minor fall and being isolated from my visits for 10 days. He said he felt pretty good throughout. I hope you are all doing well. I enjoy seeing your newsletter monthly and seeing familiar names.

## The Children's Program

The program in February will focus on making good decisions, even in difficult circumstances. Children will reflect on stories and create drawings to illustrate them. Parents can contribute by asking kids what they did "today." Feedback is always appreciated. Thanks.

## Meet the Meeting – Kara McGinnis

Kara's life is a tapestry in which many similar strands have emerged to complement each other. The central strand, call it blue, is caring for others and another, call that green, is seeking ways to express the caring. She is now a nurse in palliative care in a transplant hospital where she deals with families who are fearful for their loved ones. She began as a midwife and for 12 years helped women give birth at home. While that was a marvelous high, eventually she felt the need to try something else. So, she went to nursing school.

Her next step was nursing in an intensive care unit which later led to her present role. Covid, she said, brought out the best and worst in people - the mask issue. Medical staff assumed that everyone would want to keep themselves safe, but not so. Some would not comply with the mandates; there were threats. But also gratitude, breakfasts, coffees. Overall, it was a war zone that we dealt with in four years – 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022. She lost a big chunk of time.

The blue and green strands began to converge when Kara was 19 and went on a Habitat for Humanities walk from Boston to Atlanta. That brought a different ideology from what she grew up with, introducing liberation theology and issues of social justice. She got to know a woman who lived in an intentional community in Georgia which was concerned with refugees from Central America. She joined the community.

In the early 1990's she moved to San Antonio and by word of mouth found the community where Val lives. She became immersed in women's spirituality for 15 years. While she had known about Quakers for a long time, she's not sure why she never looked into it until last summer. A serious health issue brought the need for something bigger. Seeking out Meeting felt risky, but the need was compelling. It felt safe, healing here.

People have asked her what Meeting is like and she responds that very little is said, but what is said is meaningful. No one asks you to buy in to anything, there are no heavy pitches. That is so refreshing. As someone said, it is not about the answers but how the question is asked. Kara grew in California and attended the Presbyterian Church of her parents. She knows other relatively benign Christian churches, but these could feel empty. Her search led to Habitat which has a vaguely Christian message that is about service, and how to live up to it.

Kara has found the Meeting for Business really different from general decision making, and not always comfortable as the group shares perspectives. She observed how Friends' process moves one from a starting point to another at the end. The recent discussion about donations is a case in point. A third way emerged after almost an hour of hearing competing solutions. That seems obvious, looking back.

And so, Kara has added in a new strand to the tapestry – Quaker gray.

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## Wider Quaker World

### *South Central Yearly Meeting Jan. 2023 E-News*

**Below are some opportunities and events in SCYM and beyond. Please share them with others in your meeting and elsewhere in your community. More details may be found at [scym.org](https://scym.org).**

#### *2023 SCYM Annual Sessions*

##### **Save the Date!**

**Sunday, April 2 to Wednesday, April 5 online for everyone.**

**Thursday, April 6 to Sunday, April 9 at Greene Family Camp**

(with some events online)

### *Spiritual Refreshment for the Long Haul*

- From Greg Casillas, Keynote Speaker, about the theme:  
My take on "Refreshment for the Long Haul" is this, If we are not charged, it is difficult to recharge others. How do we practice self-care for the challenges that we face, nourish others with supportive language, and what do we do on

a daily basis to support our Quaker Values (SPICES) in a way that is not ethnocentric?

- Greg Casillas' bio can be found [here](#).
- If you are interested in presenting a workshop this year please contact Howard Hawhee through [liz.yeats@scym.org](mailto:liz.yeats@scym.org).

### *SCYM Quaker Parent Mutual Support Groups*

SCYM Quaker parent mutual support groups are beginning in February. They provide a supportive forum in which Quaker parents can talk about their concerns for one hour every other week, for a total of 8 gatherings, at a time agreed on by the participants. To find out more email Anne Collins at [adcollinsq@gmail.com](mailto:adcollinsq@gmail.com). Sign up [here](#).



### *Rex Friend Celebration of Life*

- **Rex Friend** died January 7, 2023 of an apparent heart attack. Please hold him and his family and friends in the Light. Rex brought so much to South Central Yearly Meeting over the years, especially in his work for justice and peace.
  - A Celebration of Life for Rex Friend was held in January. Dress code was cowboy formal with jeans welcome!  
Here's the URL to the obituary:  
[https://smithandkernke.com/memorialpage\\_new.asp?id=3189](https://smithandkernke.com/memorialpage_new.asp?id=3189)
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## ***Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) Opportunities for Friends of all Ages***

- ***FCNL Young Adult Program Assistant***  
The deadline to apply for 2023-2024 is Feb. 10, 2023. [Apply now.](#)  
Eligibility for these positions include being 21 years of age and being able to work in person from an office environment starting Summer 2023 to Summer 2024. For more information and to get started on the application process, click this link: [Program Assistant Fellowship 2023-2024 - Friends Committee on National Legislation \(workable.com\)](#)
- ***Spring Lobby Weekend***  
This year, we'll be lobbying Congress for justice reform. Spring Lobby Weekend will be hybrid with options to attend online or onsite in Washington, DC. I encourage you to recommend Spring Lobby Weekend to the young adults in your communities, especially young adult Friends in your Quaker meeting or church. You can learn more and [sign up for updates here](#) and [register here!](#)
- ***Advocacy Teams***  
FCNL Advocacy teams are now active in many parts of South Central Yearly Meeting. These are local and statewide groups that will spend 2023 advocating for more federal funds and projects for peacebuilding around the world. Training for these groups is available. An in-person training will take place in Dallas February 25, 2023:

### ***Advocacy For the Long Haul - an FCNL Workshop***

#### **North Texas FCNL Advocacy Workshop**

February 25, 2023 • 1:00-4:00 CT

Dallas Friends Meetinghouse, 5828 Worth St., Dallas TX

**ALL WELCOME**



Learn more at: <https://act.fcni.org/event/advocacy-teams/3037>

See and download a **[FLYER](#)** to help promote the workshop to Friends and others who want to learn how to advocate with elected officials about justice and peace issues.

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## ***Black Quaker Lives Matter - Film Festival***

- The BlackQuaker Project (BQP) is proud to announce the 2023 Black Quaker Lives Matter Film Festival & Forum, a groundbreaking exploration of Black Friends who made a difference throughout both USA and world history. This year's festival-forum features themes of importance to African American Quakers and others concerned with truth and justice: abolition, retrospective justice/reparations, freedom, education, Black-White relations, non-violence, and anti-violence in response to systemic violence. Our honorees range from 20th century trailblazing Friends of African Descent back to early Quakers of Color who are too often forgotten.
- **Black Quaker Lives Matter Film Festival & Forum**
- **Screening & Discussion Every Other Saturday**
- **February 4 – April 8, 2023**
- **10:00 AM Pacific = 11:00 AM Mountain**
- **[Click here to register and to learn more](#)**

## **Workshop “The trauma of exile through a Jungian lens”**

Sponsored by ***Washington Friends Conference on Religion & Psychology***

February 17-19, 2023 **on Zoom** Click here for [Info](#) and [registration](#) (\$50)

**Plenary Speaker**, Lourdes Hernandez, MA, Jungian Analyst

The sponsoring group focuses on how psychology can support spiritual life in religious communities, especially Friends meetings. This year's workshop will discuss the trauma of political exile, how it splits and shapes the psyche of displaced individuals, making their lives feel psychologically conflictual and incongruous. We will explore how Jungian theory can assist the exile in fashioning a new mythic center that grounds the uncentered, culturally diverse self-states that develop from acculturation. We will discuss how Jungian analysis is uniquely suited to working with the exile complex through the presenter's own dreamwork, active imagination, the transcendent function

of the symbol, and the transference container - ultimately bringing meaning to the suffering of exile.

**Lourdes Hernandez** was marked by the traumas of war and political asylum when her family fled Cuba to take refuge in the United States. She holds post graduate degrees from Pacifica Graduate Institute and Regis University in hermeneutics, counseling, and Jungian and Archetypal Studies. She is a Diplomate Jungian Analyst with the IRSJA and has a bilingual private practice in Boulder, Colorado. Lourdes is a lifelong musician and visual artist who values the curative power of the symbolic psyche and its restorative interventions.

## ***Friends General Conference (FGC) 2023 Gathering***

**Listen So That We May Live** will take place July 2 - 8, 2023 at Western Oregon University, Monmouth, Oregon. **The Gathering is a week of Quaker worship, workshops, and community for all ages.** Friends come together from across the US and Canada (and sometimes further) to deepen our connection to one another and the Spirit. The Gathering is typically held on a college campus in late June/early July, and location changes from year to year. In 2020, FGC began offering virtual Gathering programs as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Attenders range from newborns to elders in their 90s, and include both long-time Friends (mostly from the unprogrammed, liberal tradition), and those newer to Quakerism. In structure, it's part conference and part family camp. In content, it provides an abundance of opportunities to learn about Quakerism and to foster your spiritual life – and to have fun together.

## ***Pendle Hill in February***

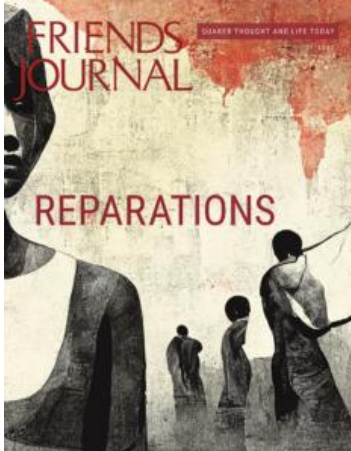
### **Aiming for Justice: Race Reparations and Right Paths**

**Feb 4, 2023** An online reparations program designed by K. Melchor Quick Hall, S. Rae Peoples, and Dr. Amanda Kemp, and facilitated by and for white inheritors of wealth. NB: Aiming for Justice will NOT be moving forward in February 2023. More updates soon. The Aiming for Justice workshop...[Learn More](#)

### **Making Our Activism More Effective through Nonviolent Direct Action**

**Feb 4, 2023** An in-person, one day program with Eileen Flanagan exploring strategic nonviolent direct action. Tired of putting all your hopes for change in elections or lobbying? Join others ready to stretch their skills and courage through nonviolent direct action, the methodology employed effectively by the Civil Rights Movement, as well as early Quakers. Whatever issue you feel called to work on, learn new tactics and how to sequence them for maximum effect.

## Friends Journal



- **Martha Lindley** on **Contributor's List For Confronting The Legacy Of Quaker Slavery**  
*My grandfather's family, on my father's side, enslaved people. They were held in Ripley, Tennessee and...*
- **Gretchen Metz** on **Reparations And Transgenerational Healing**  
*I also have difficulties with the idea of whiteness guilt. I am beginning to understand the...*
- **Dwight L. Wilson** on **Confronting The Legacy Of Quaker Slavery**

## Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL)

### Spring Lobby Weekend

Washington, D.C. & Online | March 25-28, 2023

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This four day conference brings together hundreds of young adults to learn about their power as advocates and lobby Congress for justice reform.

### Campaign Promoting Peace

Today, there are more active armed conflicts around the world than at any point since World War II. Congress can do more to reduce armed conflict and other forms of violence abroad by investing in peacebuilding!

As Congress negotiates funding levels for Fiscal Year 2024, lawmakers can make a meaningful impact in fostering sustainable peace and preventing violent conflict around the world by ensuring robust funding for three essential accounts: Atrocities Prevention,

the Complex Crises Fund, and Reconciliation Programs.

Together, these three accounts support critical programs that work to prevent violence and armed conflict before they begin and heal fractured communities after conflicts end.

Tell your members of Congress: Invest in peace in the FY24 State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations bill. You can use the online form [here](#).

## Online Meeting on Migration

Just Migration: Seeing Beyond the Border

When: Thursday, February 23, 8:00 PM Eastern

FCNL is hosting a conversation about migration policy and community work at the border and across the nation. Speakers joining us are Jennifer Long, co-executive director of Casa Marianella, a shelter and service provider for members of the displaced immigrant community in Austin, Texas and FCNL's legislative director of domestic policy, Anika Forrest, who will also reflect on a fall 2022 visit with FCNL's General Secretary Bridget Moix to El Paso, Texas and Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.



- At Yearly Meeting 2022, Claire Hannpel of Quaker Voluntary Service (QVS), shared with us the incredible opportunities and good work that young adults are doing around the country while living in intentional Quaker community. If you are a young person or know of someone interested in volunteer service, applications for 2023-2024 (fellowship year runs from late August 2023 through July 2024) are now being taken. **Deadline is February 28, 2023.** Find out how to apply at <https://quakervoluntaryservice.org/>



## *Friends Peace Teams Announcements and Upcoming Events:*

- **Roots of Injustice** (TRR) Online: Feb 11, Sun 2-4pm Mountain
- **Meet the Javanese Team:** Fri, Feb 24, 6:30p Eastern for [Power of Goodness](#) and 8:30pm Eastern for Visitation.
- **Indian Boarding Schools...** Online, [Mar 14](#), Tue 9:15pm Eastern
- FPT Annual Gathering, May 4-7, Westtown Friends School, [Register Now!](#) (all welcome)
- [Paula Palmer interview Friends Journal](#)

## ***An Urgent Call to the Religious Society of Friends***

concerning the current extensive threats to our U.S. democracy.

More info: <https://scym.org/news/news-feed/urgent-call-religious-society-friends>

## ***American Friends Service Committee***



### Advancing peacebuilding

Peace and security can never be achieved through violence. AFSC works to build societies that divest from militarism, organized political violence and state violence—and invest in alternatives that enable sustainable peace, open civic space, and prioritize human dignity and rights. [READ MORE](#)

**106 Democrats**

**42 Republicans**

**1 Independent**

**The number of women in the  
118 Congress.**

**Thanks** This issue is particularly rich because so many readers became contributors.

### **Last Words**

“People are not used to listening, and that is what true catechesis does—listen and teach listening. [...] in other words, faith is when another touches your heart and makes you move your hands. Faith leads you to work, to do something.”

“The only time to look down on a person is when you lift them up.”  
Pope Francis

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